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## SWAT in your living room



Rolfe Tikkala is not what one would call a 'derelict of the law.'

A 28 year-old McGill student, he is entering his third year of Political Science with avid interest and a healthy average. He spends most evenings in quiet solitude, reading a good book, or just enjoying the company of his pet Cockatoo, Oscar.

On a Sunday evening much like this, last August 25th, Rolfe unwillingly became host to a gun-toting SWAT team.

by Mike Gordon

"I was reading a book and had dozed off on the couch. Suddenly, I was awoken by an abrupt noise to see the hallway full of guys wearing bullet-proof vests, blue-serge uniforms, and carrying those little Japanese machine-guns," said Tikkala.

"The leader started shouting at me in French, but seeing I didn't understand, he told me — in English — to lay down on the floor. At first I thought there was a sniper or something, and that it was for my own protection. But when I tried to get up, the guy waved his machine-gun at me," Tikkala continued.

Police frisked Tikkala at gun-point as the remaining squad stormed through his St. Urbain apartment looking for something or someone.

It was only after two detectives entered and discovered he was a McGill student that Tikkala received an explanation. Apparently, MUC Detective Sgts. Leroyer and Gingras had received an anonymous tip that two heavily armed convicts had escaped from a maximum-security prison, and were holding out in his apartment.

Realizing the student had no idea what they were talking about, the detectives gave him their names, told him his door was damaged, and said their insurance would take care of it. They left without a word of apology.

Gazette Police Reporter Eddie Collister, whom Tikkala phoned for advice, said: "There's really not a lot you can do. It goes on all the time. The police were within legal rights, and were only going on what information they had.

And it's really only newsworthy if bullets are flying.

"If anything, you should be thankful they were trained Montreal S.W.A.T., and not Sherbrooke Police," he told Tikkala.

Early this year two innocent carpet-layers in Rock Forest, Sherbrooke, were mistakenly shot with dozens of rounds of ammunition by Sherbrooke police. Two of the three officers involved were recently promoted.

Alain Arseneault of the Ligue des Libertés Civile agreed that police had not violated the law in Tikkala's case, but said police often pursue weak tips. He called the police in Rock Forest "clearly negligent."

According to Marvin Rotrand, spokesman for the Public Security Dossier of the Montréal Citizens Movement (MCM), "There are countless cases like this."

He says, "the Montreal Police have a not quite (but almost) cowboy-like attitude. They tend to overreact in many such circumstances. This is dangerous when you consider their gun policy: If you shoot, shoot to kill. No warning shot. It is a policy that will inevitably result in the tragic waste of human lives."

The MCM attribute this attitude to a malaise in the entire structure of the 'active' Police Department.

As Rotrand puts it: "The system is hierarchal, and militaristic. The police enforce the law on the public on behalf of their own insular society. Sort of like: 'Cops take care of cops'."

Rotrand explained: "Fifty per cent of all civilian com-

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## municipal news

# Montréalers run for Central Americans

by Melinda Wittstock

For the sixth year in a row, some 100 Montréalers will be raising money for projects in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala by running 42 km in the Montréal Marathon on September 22.

Stewart Russell, one of the organizers, says the Marathon will raise over \$40,000, "which will go directly to projects in Central America."

Fifty per cent of the proceeds

will go to medical clinics and popular, underground radio stations in El Salvador. According to Russell, the Marathon Committee for Central America plans to continue last year's support of small, mobile medical clinics in the 'conflict zones' of El Salvador. However, this year's priority is to train local people as paramedics who will be responsible for primary health care, education and prevention of disease.

The other 25 per cent of the money allocated for El Salvador will be used to support the material needs of the outlawed independent radio stations in the 'liberated zones' or the zones controlled by the FMLN guerrillas (the main opposition coalition to the Napoléon Duarte regime). The Marathon's contribution will go to Radio Venceremos and Radio Farabundo Martí and any other stations operating in the liberated zones.

Another 20 per cent of the money raised will go towards equipment and tools for Nicaraguans to build and repair their own wheelchairs. Many people are handicapped for life by the continuing war between the American-backed contras and the Sandinista government. According to a Marathon pamphlet, the organizers are also encouraging "people to send welding material, simple tools, and replacement parts for the wheelchair project through

the boat for Nicaragua campaign."

Last year, the boat project sent a full 40-foot container to Nicaragua.

Another 20 per cent will go towards supporting the health and nutritional needs of 80 families "displaced" by army repression in the tropical region of El Peten in Northern Guatemala. According to the same pamphlet, these refugees need mosquito netting and seed

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## mcgill news

## Students launch Youth Year with firm support

by Brendan Weston

From a fourth floor Student Union Building office, R.J. Vézina answers his telephone and looks over the corporate skyscrapers of downtown Montréal. Bright and optimistic as his McGill sweatshirt, Vézina co-directs an International Youth Year (IYY) Task Force of nine McGill students who have succeeded where thousands of other students have failed.

Without government funding they have organized the ACTION '85 International Youth Year project which will bring dozens of groups and speakers, and 10,000 youth to McGill between September 23 to 28.

Soliciting the help of prominent cultural, political and business institutions in Montréal, the Task Force coordinated an up-beat week of events with kiosks to be set up in the glass corridor between the Leacock and Arts buildings, and speakers to be scheduled around campus.

"We're oriented toward all locally active youth," says R.J. Vézina, Co-director of the Task Force. "This project is the best opportunity for youth to realize there's so much out there."

National participants will include Canada World Youth, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, la Comité des Relations Internationales, UNESCO Canada, United Nations Association in Canada, Voyagers et Voyageuses de la Paix, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, and the youth sections of the Liberal, Conservative and New Democratic parties.

Among the provincial participants are the Liberal Party of Québec, the Parti Québécois, Communication Québec, Opérations Déclat, and the Office Franco-Québécois pour la jeunesse.

Montréal groups include the Symphony Orchestra's Youth Committee, the Museum of Fine Arts, la Musée d'Art Contemporain, YMCA, Youth

Horizons, Toujours Ensemble, Sun Youth, Board of Trade, and Youth Chamber of Commerce.

Representing McGill, the McGill Students' Society (MSS), the Graduate Scarlet Key Society, McGill Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, McGill Intra-Fraternity Council, McGill International Students' Association, and other McGill groups.

The activities are to be funded equally by McGill organizations, corporate sponsors, and ticket sales and concessions.

Government grants were requested and refused, though the federal government made a late pledge of \$3,500 just prior to the August 28 press conference.

"We wasted a lot of time trying to figure out how to get government funding," said Vézina. "A lot of groups expected a lot from the government because of all the grant advertisements."

After studying the procedures the Task Force applied for \$7,000 each from the federal and provincial governments, and was refused by both. When contacted the governments had claimed all funds were spent.

Yet two *Gazette* articles

(August 6, and 7), critical of Federal Youth Minister Andrée Champagne for this decision, precipitated the Ministry's putting the application back under

MSS in February and discovered no plans had been made for International Youth Year. A series of loose meetings generated the nucleus of the



review.

"They called us up asking for a detailed emergency up-date on the project," said Vézina.

Co-director Diane Sokolyk admits it is possible the articles were responsible for the federal government's sudden change of heart.

"In the past few weeks the project has become more concrete, and I think that helped," she said.

Vézina had approached the

Task Force which linked itself with major McGill student organizations.

MSS has donated \$3,000 and underwritten the \$25,000 budget. Approximately \$9,500 must still be raised. The surplus expected from the activities will go to youth support groups.

MSS VP External Luc Jolicoeur sits on the nine-member Task Force. "Everything has to be in by September 9," he says,

but "we're still hoping to get some money from the provincial government."

When government funding was refused, the group solicited the help of fifteen influential Montréalers, including business giants Drummond Birks, Conrad H. Harrington and H. Arnold Steinberg, for an advisory board. This helped get corporate fundraising and commitments from speakers.

Vézina says care has been taken to limit corporate influence. "Youth Year is not just corporations," he said. Nordair, the only commercial exhibit, was allowed because of their \$174 Youth Pass offering unlimited travel in Canada for one month. AIESEC, the Association of International Students of Economics and Commerce, will also hold a Career Day where large corporations recruit students as future employees.

Financial support for ACTION '85 has come from Sun Life, Labatt's, MSS, Nordair, CFCF TV, McGill Graduate Society, McGill Society, Royal Bank, Standard Life, McGill Dean of Students Office, Concordia Student's Society, and Vézina, Fortier and Associates.

## Task Force plans fun actions at McGill

A Task Force of 11 McGill students will launch an assault on youth apathy in the face of International Youth Year, with a multi-media series of activities in the last week of September. ACTION '85, a week of exhibits, conferences, films and events stressing the International Youth Year themes of Peace, Participation and Development at McGill, hopes to attract more than 10,000 Montréal youth between September 23 and 28.

Diane Sokolyk, Co-director of ACTION '85's Task Force, said the focus will be on "the role of youth in our society, with respect to politics, economics, culture and international affairs."

Sokolyk envisions the project as "a catalyst to more youth participation," with the outreach of McGill to the Montréal community and vice-versa.

The economics conference will have speakers from business, labour and academics address the issue of youth unemployment. Yet le Regroupement Autonome des Jeunes (RAJ), Québec's most active voice on youth unemployment, has not yet been invited.

Explained Co-director Robert Vézina, "Basically, we hadn't thought about it."

Geoffery Pearson, son of former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and Executive Director of the Hudson Institute, will speak at the 'Youth, Peace and Development' conference. Liberal leader Robert Bourassa will speak on the role of youth in Canadian politics.

Ceremonies will open at noon on Monday the 23rd with a marching band and balloon launch on lower campus. A UNESCO photo exhibit on the impressions of youth by society and of society by youth, will be shown in Redpath Undergraduate Library from 8:30 to 10 pm until Thursday.

Film student Mario Bonenfant's video *La Course Autour du Monde*, spanning a journey of 22 countries will be shown on Wednesday. Film Society will show *War Games* Thursday evening.

Also on Thursday, a benefit dinner with Theatre Shmeatre and radio personality Mark Burns will be held in the Student Union cafeteria. Proceeds will go to youth groups such as Sun Youth, Shawbridge Youth Centre, Toujours Ensemble, Youth Horizons and YMCA Montréal Job Generations.

Friday night a post-Shaughnessy Cup football game party will be held in the Union building. Read the Events listings in the *Daily* for specific times and places.



*I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon, and I find myself wondering if we're the generation that's going to see that come about... they certainly describe the times we're going through.*

Ronald Reagan

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editorial

## No vacationing in East Timor

East Timor. It sounds like one of those exotic places you want to travel to... sometime. Kind of like Easter Island.

But it's not. East Timor is a nation which persevered under 450 years of Portuguese colonialism, one of the most brutal of colonial powers, and was on the brink of emerging from a month-long civil war as a nation culturally distinct from all her neighbours.

Fretilin, the progressive popular movement which had began programmes for literacy, health and land reform was ready to express that culture. But then something tragic happened.

The Indonesian military invaded, and began a campaign of genocidal terror comparable to the Holocaust, Pakistan's reign of terror in Bangladesh, or the Russian-sponsored famine in the Ukraine. One quarter of a million people, 40 percent East Timorese have perished in the ten years since the invasion. What is almost as tragic, this slaughter has been ignored.

It is clear why Indonesia invaded. Indonesia's history of imperial expansion and domination of surrounding islands is long. The dictatorship lust for power derives from its own insecurity. Sponsored by the United States, Suharto's regime only retains its own privilege as long as continues to make Indonesia's oil, tin, nickel, bauxite and labour resources available at bargain basement prices, and controls the local populations.

In a nation where most land is held by one per cent of the population, control has meant the torture and murder of more than a million Indonesians.

Further, Canada is as complicit in these massacres as the United States. We have more foreign investment than the U.S. and Canadian corporations support the Indonesian military.

The western press has ignored the plight of the East Timorese. It seems there is something un-newsworthy about certain atrocities. Doesn't it seem a little strange that communist atrocities attract far more attention than capitalist ones? For example Sakharov warrants an article each month yet a population 650,000 is brutally reduced to 400,000 by an extension of our own hand, warrants none.

As Bertolt Brecht once said: "When crimes begin to pile up they become invisible. When suffering becomes unendurable the cries are no longer heard. The cries, too, fall like rain in summer."

Brendan Weston

Melinda Wittstock



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We at CFRM have instituted various changes in order to fulfill this mandate. Foremost, we are now broadcasting daily in Gertrude's Pub between 11:00am and 4:00pm. Coupled with this change is a reinforced "all requests played" policy. Within these hours listeners may phone in requests to the station which will be played within 15 minutes or at least until all previous requests have been played.

We seek to be more accessible rather than to compromise on our policy of alternative programming. We maintain that we exist to provide an alternative to commercial radio, this does not mean, however, we need alienate ourselves from the public which we serve.

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## feature

# International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour:

## Third World youth bring issues home

by Melinda Wittstock  
and Chris Cavanagh

Imagine this. You're in a small rural mountain town. Your village is attacked by 50 mercenaries. They kill everyone around you — your family, your friends. You are only wounded in the arm, but you play dead. As they are leaving, you, with your good arm, pick up a machine gun and kill some of them.

You are a 12 year old girl. This is not imaginary; this is the true story of Brenda Rocha, whose village in Northern Nicaragua was attacked by U.S. backed counter-revolutionaries (contras) last year.

It is hard for most Canadians to understand the day-to-day realities of growing up amidst constant warfare, severe poverty, racism, or political repression.

Most people in North America don't realize what it is to be at the wrong end of the guns.

To bring Canadians face-to-face with these realities, the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour (IYPJT) is bringing 60 young people from over 25 war-torn and underdeveloped countries to 36 Canadian cities. They will speak to Canadian teenagers and adults of their daily experiences growing up amidst constant political violence and economic inequality.

"Most people in North America have never known the day-to-day horrors of living under directly oppressive governments or amidst constant warfare," says IYPJT National Co-ordinator Glenn Hilke.

"What we know about the world is spoon-fed to us by the commercial media which has a very biased point of view. I think the Tour offers young Canadians the opportunity to get the other side of the story from people their own age," he added.

An International Youth Year project, the IYPJT is designed to foster discussion of peace and justice among youth of different national backgrounds.

The main goals of the Tour, according to organizers, are to break down cultural barriers and to combat racism by promoting solidarity with the victims of underdevelopment and inequality, take a forceful



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stand against the spiralling arms race, and, above all, to generate much-needed alternative solutions to these problems.

The IYPJT participants will be chosen among young people who have suffered the ravages of war, foreign economic and military intervention and poverty, as well as Canadian youths who are economically disadvantaged, members of ethnic and native minorities within Canada, and those Canadian youths active in the peace and social justice movements.

Tour participants will be coming from a broad range of countries spanning all continents and conflict zones, including some one very seldom hears from, such as Afghanistan, the Marshall Islands (a U.S. nuclear test site), and New Caledonia (a French overseas territory in the Pacific).

The 60 Tour participants will visit schools and community centres in Québec, Ontario and British Columbia. The core of their presentations will be personal testimony in front of general audiences, followed by more intimate

classroom workshops.

But it is not just Canadian youths that will learn from the Tour. The participants themselves "will be given an opportunity to speak about these experiences which they usually have to hold in," says Hilke.

"No one seems to care or understand the plight of refugees living in Canada. This will give both refugees and youth from other countries the opportunity to express themselves and inspire the compassion of others. It will strengthen them in their continuing struggle," he added.

According to one of the Québec co-ordinators Nathalie Robitaille, the Tour participants will be learning from each other — youth will be teaching youth.

"They will learn about hope. They will see that they are not the only ones that suffer the horrors of political oppression and poverty day-to-day. A kid from Cambodia will see that another kid from Namibia has a lot in common with him. They'll learn to be more internationalist in their outlook," she said.

Michel-Adrien Sheppard, the

other co-ordinator for Québec, added, "I think young people are less prone to forget shared experiences that cross cultural and racial barriers. Adults tend to be more able or willing to shrug off such experiences if they conflict with the ideological prejudices of the moment."

"Young people are more easily in touch with a deeper sense of community that can straddle any artificial or officially-enforced national or racial divide. In a sense, then, one of the messages of the project might be: let us acknowledge, and fight for, what holds us together, despite our often conflicting diversity."

Robitaille believes the Tour will have a lot of impact on Canadians. "Here, we can eat anything we like, we can walk down the street without being shot at — the Tour will make Canadians realize not only their privilege, but also the horrible plight of the majority of people in the world."

Because of the personal, face-to-face testimonies of the Tour participants, the Tour will accomplish what the T.V. and media cannot, agree Hilke and Robitaille.

Genocide and hunger, as reported in the commercial media, merely become impersonal statistics. The horror can be turned off with the T.V.

Young people from conflict zones will be talking directly to young Canadians, relatively free of the interference of adults and media interpretations of international conflict and underdevelopment. Young Canadians will receive first-hand accounts of what it is like to starve in Ethiopia, to flee your home in El Salvador and to live as a refugee in Montréal, or to live through the genocide in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge.

The Tour will touch many Canadians personally — literally hundreds of Canadian families and community groups will be playing an integral role in the project by opening their doors and welcoming the young participants into their homes.

Canadian schools generally have not incorporated development education or peace and justice issues into school curricula. As a result, many young people have a very distorted understanding of the realities of the problems facing the Third World.

According to Dorothy Rosenberg, Montréal peace educator and member of the IYPJT advisory committee, "What concerns me is people's lack of ability to deal with these issues. We don't educate our students to empowerment and participation and the apathy that we see reflects this."

"More and more teachers, parents and students alike are seeing a need to look at issues of militarism and peace. We must not be afraid to deal with

these things in the classroom. It is only through peace and justice education that we can learn to deal with these issues."

To enhance and deepen the experience of the Tour, an educational package has been designed to use before, during and after the Tour. It includes profiles of the countries and regions involved, lesson plans related to peace, justice and underdevelopment issues, and extra-curricular activities that youth can organize by and for themselves.

The personal testimonies of the participants will be supplemented by cultural performances by young Canadian performing artists. There will be two general public events to mark the arrival and departure of the Tour participants in Montréal — an opening pre-tour press conference and reception and a farewell concert, organized co-operatively with, and produced by, Les Artistes pour la Paix of Montréal. The concert will feature young performers, tour participants, artists from Canada's ethnic and native communities, and professionals in the performing arts such as Margie Gillis and Harry Belafonte.

### Inspiration for the Tour

The National Co-ordinating Committee has been working since March, 1985 to make this Tour a reality.

"Motivated by our shared experiences as young people organized for social and cultural change in Canada, we deeply felt the need to create an opportunity for young people from diverse backgrounds and experiences to freely discuss such issues as peace, underdevelopment, racism, economic injustice and political oppression," said Hilke.

The IYPJT was inspired by the American *Children of War Tour* held in November, 1984. Organized by the Religious Task Force (RTF) of the Mobilization for Survival, the CWT brought together 38 teenagers from 14 war-torn countries for a 54-city tour of U.S. schools, community centres, churches, and synagogues.

The Children of War participants were interviewed on the Phil Donahue show in the U.S., which was broadcast around the world. One response to the show came from a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan: "I am still young. I have been in the marine corps for two years and I'm 20 years old, and one day I will want my kids to grow up in a peaceful environment, just like I did. I would like to see things change in favour of peace, instead of a nuclear arms race."

Another response came from a 14 year old girl named Kenya Bailey: "Since I have heard Phil Donahue's segment on

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plaints are weeded out to begin with. The remaining half are reviewed, in private, by a board consisting largely of cops. Cases not already rejected here go to a further reviewing board, consisting entirely of cops. And, as fifty per cent of these are usually rejected, civilians are left with minor compensation, three to four day suspensions, and so on. The whole system is a white-wash."

According to Arsenault, intrusions aren't always accidental. "We've seen this happen when people have complained to police, when people are union militants, or protesters...just to harass them." Complaints can be brought to the courts, he said, "but that takes time and money."

Police were unwilling to comment or release any information pertaining to Tikkala's case.



Tikkala has no intention of pursuing the MUC in court, but says his opinion of police has changed. "I guess I was programmed into being a law-abiding wimp," he said.

The MCM is calling for a

thorough and open-ended evaluation of the entire administration, and the complete duties of police officers.

Even when search warrants are garnished, according to the Canadian Law Reform Commission, 60 per cent are granted without just cause.

According to Rotrand, MUC police officers spend an inordinate amount of their time doing 'non-police' work, including paper-work, enforcing municipal by-laws, and social work. The Rotrand said these activities detract from more serious police work, and could easily be performed by other civic employees at a lesser cost.

"Police costs are high. The budget for the Montreal Metropolitan Area Police for 1985 was \$285 million. If non-criminal activities were deferred tax payers would save money, he said."

"The MUC is a force of

strictly white, francophone males," said Rotrand. "This is not in 'sync' the population of Montréal. The force needs to see more variation in ethnic background."

According to Rotrand, pressure from the MCM recently helped slacken police application requirements. Applicants with varying ethnic origins and training experience (i.e. sociology psychology) are becoming acceptable.

"Yet there is still too much emphasis on technical training," he said.

In cases like Rolfe Tikkala's, innocent citizens are inevitably caught in the path of police investigation, subjected to terror and intimidation for their own "protection."

Said Tikkala, "When I was in South America, I had reason to be afraid. I thought police here were different. Now, I guess there isn't a big difference."

## Intramurals provide friendly exercise

by Deb Dunaway

Intramural sports are a lot of fun. If you want to play a sport, like volleyball, basketball, or the perennial favourite, Ultimate Frisbee, in an organized but relaxed fashion, why not sign up for an Intramural team?

"Intramurals are a great

place to meet people, especially for U1 students," says Linda Benedek, a U3 Psychology major, who will be signing up for her second year of Intramurals.

Linda Schaapman, a McGill grad who currently organizes, coaches, and teaches in various athletic programs at McGill, says that unlike other years,

many U1 students are already signing up.

According to Schaapman, students usually join in their second or third year, after hearing about it from friends.

People join because it is a lot of fun. At \$4 per person, per team, it's cheap. It's a break from academics, and you don't have to be Dr. J — the point is to enjoy yourself.

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## ...Mtl Marathon

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for subsistence crops "if they are to survive in an area sheltered from army operations."

Finally, 10 per cent will go to the Québec Network of Solidarity Committees with Central America "to support the network in its efforts to inform the public about the situation in Central America," says Russell.

Last year, 97 Marathon runners raised \$32,000 which went towards building schools in the villages of Nicaragua, mobile medical clinics in El Salvador, and agricultural projects for Guatemalan refugees in Mexico.

According to Russell, all the money gets to where it's supposed to go, unlike all the aid being sent to Ethiopia.

"The host groups in each of these countries have proven their reliability over the past five years of the Marathon project. We get progress reports telling us exactly how the money is used and whether or not the

projects have been successful," he said.

Russell says the project not only has an impact in Central America, but it also affects many people here in Montréal.

"The idea here is to educate people in Canada about the dire conditions of the great majority of people in these countries," said Russell.

"During the Marathon, support groups will be lining the course of the run, passing out leaflets explaining why the run is happening," he said. "As well, we will be showing a video at the Outremont theatre as part of the Latin American film festival explaining the reasons for the run."

The Marathon will be starting at the Jacques Cartier bridge at 9h00 and ending at Parc Lafontaine later in the day.

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# Nicaraguan students' union reaches out to Canadians

by Leslie McLaughlin

*Leslie McLaughlin, a biology student from Concordia University, was in Nicaragua this August and had a chance to interview the Director of International Relations of the National Union of Nicaraguan Students (UNEN) Roger Uriarte. Translation assistance was given by Roberto Rigby, UNEN student, in Nicaragua.*

**McLaughlin:** Could you introduce us to UNEN and explain what its objectives are? **UNEN:** UNEN represents all the students in Nicaragua pursuing technological, professional and university-level programmes. We presently have a membership of 27,000 students. In July of last year, we had over 32,000 students registered, but due to the armed aggression in our country, thousands of students were forced to leave their classrooms for the defense of the country in the front lines. This crisis situation which still exists, makes it necessary for us to make special efforts to keep the doors of the universities open to our students.

We have four major campuses in Managua with other major campuses in Leon, Esteli, Matagalpa, and Rivas. (The National University of Autonomy in Nicaragua (UNAN) in Leon was the birthplace of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). In 1961, three students, Carlos Fonseca, Silvio Mayorga and Tomas Borge (the only surviving member) founded the FSLN).

We are gradually working to develop departments of education, at the university level in every region of the country.

In Nicaragua, we have prioritized certain careers in

that they will sponsor some of our students in those careers which we are not capable of offering here.

In the past, the majority of students came from Managua, Leon and a few other large urban areas. Now, we have a situation where the majority of the students are campesinos or rural peasants from the countryside and small villages. (Before the Sandinista revolution in 1979, there was an 87 per cent illiteracy rate in the campesino communities).

Most of these students are in a special scholarship programme that was created after the revolution. The universities opened up preparatory faculties which permitted these students to study in intensive three year programmes that lead to careers and studies at the university level.

Our main task today is to raise the national academic standard of education. In the coming months, we will be tackling the problems associated with the coffee harvest. We are focusing on the present dangers of Contra attacks and preparing ourselves to defend our country. (Contras are counter-revolutionary bands led by ex-Somocista national guards. These *guardia* members were given safe passage out of the country by the Red Cross after the victory of 1979 and this passage was sponsored by the new Sandinista government. The contras are mercenary bands that are trained and financed by the United States government which had initiated and supported the brutal Somoza regimes from 1934 to 1979.)

**McLaughlin:** Could you explain to us the relationship between the Ministry of Education and the universities in Nicaragua?

tional president of student unions, and representatives from the various workers' unions in Nicaragua. Many of the principle decisions of the National Council are made only after much consultation with other organizations. Members of the National Council also sit on another national body that deals with all educational issues in Nicaragua, and this body meets regularly with Vice President of Nicaragua, Dr. Sergio Ramirez. Present-

permitted them to become more efficient substitutes. This project is still being developed today. Many of the early pioneers of this project are now professors and directors of the universities.

Students involved in projects hold two principle objectives in mind:

- 1) to solve the problems that arise in respect to their careers; and
- 2) to develop the spirit of investigation among themselves.

danger since these health centres, hospitals and health care workers are prime targets for the Contras.

In terms of our agricultural development, the students in the Science of Agronomy faculty are engaged in many projects to increase the means of production and the quality of the products. For instance, we have a project called 'Proyecto lechero de Chiltepez' in which Canada has donated 1,000 cows for a dairy project.



19 year old teachers in Esteli, Nicaragua

ly, we are engaged in perfecting programmes for the next five years that have a direct impact on the economic, social and political life of Nicaragua.

**McLaughlin:** Could you discuss the reality of student life today in Nicaragua in respect to the political, economic and social developments?

**UNEN:** In pre-Liberation days, universities were limited to a small minority who could afford it. After the triumph of the revolution in 1979, all those wishing to pursue a university or professional education could do so.

In this new Nicaragua, we the students cannot be parasites of our society so we have initiated and participated in many projects undertaken by the students in service to our country.

One of the first revolutionary projects undertaken by the students in 1980 was to give an answer to the flight of many professors from the country; the 'Movimiento Alumno Ayudante' was created by the students so that the most skilled and able students could fill in vacancies of understaffed faculties. These students were given additional courses and pedagogical methods along with technical courses. This

We realize the importance of coffee and cotton to our nation's economic health and so we can conduct major mobilizations of students for the harvest seasons (from November to March).

These student mobilizations are of a voluntary nature due to the dangers that are present in the coffee and cotton producing regions of our country. Thus, when we go to the regions, we usually go armed for self-defense. Those students not involved in the harvest brigades are engaged in a programme called 'Practice of Production' — a five-week period in the academic year in which students go to the different industries for which they have been studying. For example, medical students are mobilized into sanitary brigades. These brigades are either assigned to work in the front lines of the war zones or in refugee centres where they give medical services. These medical students also participate in the teaching of first aid and *higieneto* rural campesinos.

The nursing students intern in health centres and hospitals in all regions of the country. This programme is invaluable to the welfare of our people, yet it is not without a certain amount of

The students also organize themselves into brigades for the cultivation of vegetables. This frees the university from the added expense of providing vegetables for the students.

Students are also involved in construction projects related to the upgrading of the facilities at all the university campuses, for example, the building of chairs, blackboards and classroom seats.

**McLaughlin:** What relations and projects have been developed internationally between the students of Nicaragua and other students in the rest of the world?

**UNEN:** Our efforts in developing closer ties with students in other nations has proven to be fruitful. Our student union has established relations and ties with the majority of student unions in the rest of Latin America and we also have good ties with student unions in Europe, particularly with those in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. To this list we can also add organizations in England, Holland, the Arabic world and Japan.

The European student unions have provided us with much-needed material aid

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**"In pre-liberation days, universities were limited to a small minority who could afford it."**

respect to others. Being basically an agricultural country, we have placed major emphasis on our Department of Agronomy. Careers in Medicine and Dentistry, Science of Education faculties and technological careers are highly placed on our list of priorities.

There are however, limitations placed on us in terms of materials and human resources. Thus, we are trying to establish relations with other universities in the rest of the world with the hope

**UNEN:** The Nicaraguan Ministry of Education administers education at the primary and secondary levels. The National Council of Superior Education is the authoritative body that regulates education in the universities, professional colleges and technological institutes. The National Council is represented by all the directors from all the different university campuses in the country. In addition, representation comes from the professor's union, the na-



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and donations. For example, the Finnish students' union donated sports equipment to our university because, in Nicaragua, such material commodities are very difficult to obtain. Also, the Danish students' union donated a photography lab which was to be used in the publishing of our student newspaper. Our newspaper is called the *23rd of July*, in commemoration of the students massacred in Leon in 1958 by the Somocista National Guard. We have been unable to publish it regularly however, because of the lack of chemical and material supplies.

Aside from the various forms of material aid, these student organisations have also sent delegations of students to Nicaragua to work alongside our students in harvesting coffee and cotton. Last year we had student delegations from seven different countries arrive to work in the harvest brigades.

We have two principle objectives in establishing foreign relations:

- 1) to develop closer ties with student union organizations in other parts of the world; and
- 2) to establish correspondence between the different faculties of our universities with similar faculties in other parts of the world.

We have a special interest in establishing ties with Canadian student unions. So far,

through the work of solidarity groups. Presently, we are planning trips to Canada for this summer and fall. The Director of International Relations of UNEN was in Toronto in August of this year and the President of the student union in Leon is planning a trip to Montréal in the fall.

**McLaughlin:** What are the priorities in relation to Canadian students in terms of support?

**UNEN:** Our main objective is to let Canadian students know about the realities of Nicaraguan students. It is well known by us that the newspapers and press in North America give distorted news about the realities of our country. That is why it is important for the students to know the truth. We are told that the media does not publish the criminal acts committed by the counter-revolutionary forces on our borders.

On the other hand, the media tries to place the Sandinista government in the context of the East/West conflict when we know the reality to be different. The people in Nicaragua have shown an overwhelming support for the revolution (in the November, 1984 elections, 87 per cent of the eligible voters voted; 68 per cent of whom voted for the FSLN or Sandinistas); a revolution that was made by us; no one gave us this revolution... we lost 50,000 lives fighting for this

tand that the reason we have not been directly invaded by the U.S. yet is because of the work being done by the different solidarity committees throughout the world. We believe at this moment that the most important work in the solidarity movement is the moral and political support they give us. The raising of consciousness of your people in Canada to understand the reality of the U.S. aggression we suffer here is of utmost importance to us and to our survival.

Direct student participation in projects in Nicaragua are always welcome. We consider the activities of student brigades as being of great importance particularly in regards to the coffee/cotton harvest. However, we find this area a source of deep concern for us since most of the coffee is grown in what we call the war zones. We don't want our friends, the Internationalists, to lose their lives in such activities as the harvest. We already have a sufficient number of martyrs in Nicaragua and we don't want to add any more to the already long list. We believe that the work you can do while you are alive is more important than the work you can do when you are dead. We will be able to communicate to you at a later date the safe areas for international coffee brigades.

We would be grateful to have communications with the student organizations and universities in Canada. We welcome any project the Canadian students initiate. For example, one of the projects that needs direct material assistance is the faculty of dentistry where the students cannot do their practical applications due to lack of material.

There is a great need for just about all possible materials for all the different faculties.

**McLaughlin:** It has been a pleasure talking to you, and we hope Canadian students respond to UNEN, to the students of Nicaragua. We know that many universities in Canada, as well as colleges, have support committees, and that the Canadian students will be very interested in reading this interview. If students wish to initiate communication with you, where may they write?

**UNEN:** Students wishing to get in touch with us can do so by writing:  
Director of International Relations  
UNEN  
Managua, Nicaragua  
Central America

*The interview finished with a warm farewell and a commitment on our behalf to bring this message back to our colleagues in Canada.*

## ...stories of war

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this issue, it has given me the courage to stand up for what I believe in... You see, 'we children are the future' as Harry Belafonte said. We hold the key to peace and unity in the world. I want to be involved in this quest for peace. I want to know what the other kids are feeling inside and I want to help."

According to Judith Thompson, National Co-ordinator of



the Children of War Tour, the Tour inspired many young Americans to get involved with the peace and social justice movements. As well, Palestinian and Israeli participants, upon returning home, organized a dialogue between youth in

the refugee camps on the West Bank. In Lebanon, the CWT participants organized a peace day: all those favouring immediate peace in Lebanon were told to wear white. According to Thompson, 80 per cent of the population wore white or hung something white from their windows that day.

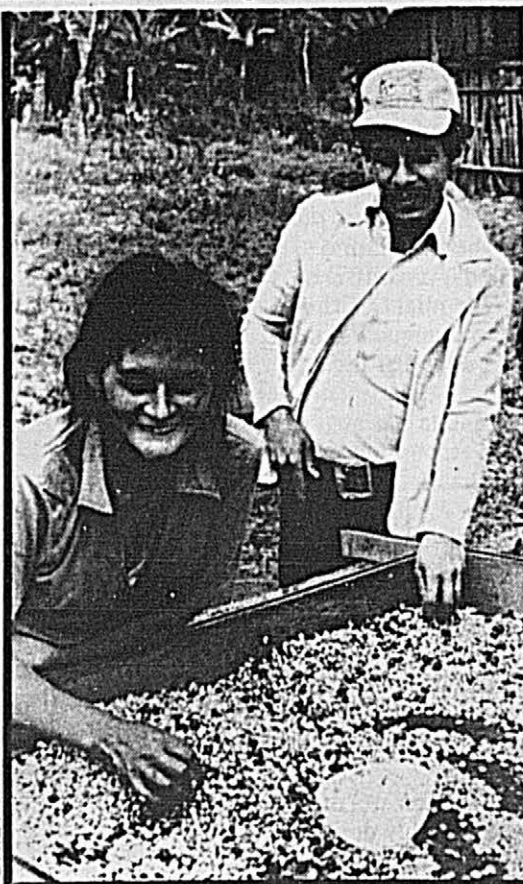
"I think the Tour represents a continuation and evolution of activism and organizing in the sense that activism is taking on more of a global consciousness while being respectful of national boundaries and cultural identity. Thinking globally and acting locally is what the Tour is all about. It's one of the best things that has happened to the peace movement," says Hilke.

"It seems that one of the most radical things you can do these days is introduce people who would not otherwise meet," concludes Hilke.

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we have made contacts with Canadian students who have come to Nicaragua. However, we need more direct and formal relations.

The weakness of our efforts in the past has been because we have not received special invitations from Canadian student unions. Our most important contacts in Canada to date have been

new liberated Nicaragua and that is why we are going to defend it.

All committees of solidarity that come to visit us we consider important. For this reason, those people in solidarity committees in different countries were invited to this year's 6th Anniversary celebrations of the victory. Our people clearly unders-

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# Canadian complicity in East Timorese genocide

## Atrocities they never told you...



PHOTO — ELAINE BRIERE

Almost ten years after East Timor was invaded by Indonesia, few people are aware of the monstrous abuse of human rights on this tiny nation in the Pacific.

Most have never heard of East Timor, let alone the 250,000 Timorese who have perished at the hands of the Indonesian military. But when almost 40 per cent of one ethnic group has been systematically exterminated by another ethnic group, a word is called up in all of our minds which we would all like to leave in the past:

### Genocide.

According to the Washington-based Centre for Defence Information, the conflict in East Timor remains the most violent in the world, relative to its population. In 1979, a Red Cross official described the conditions as worse than anything he had seen in famine stricken Cambodia or Biafra.

When East Timor was invaded by Indonesia on December 7, 1975, shortly after

the Portuguese severed their colonial ties, a smouldering month-long civil war had already claimed 2,000 lives, according to the Red Cross.

Fretilin, (the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor) controlled Timor's mountainous land. According to most journalists and independent observers, Fretilin had a majority of popular support as a result of its literacy campaigns, health programmes and agricultural reforms.

The Indonesian military felt threatened by the emergence of a small progressive nation on its borders — a possible inspiration to successionist movements within Indonesia.

Fretilin had wanted Portugal to return and ensure an orderly and democratic decolonization. But before this could happen, Indonesia attacked and sealed off the island, annexing the territory.

After 450 years of Portuguese colonial rule, East Timor had developed into a distinct entity — linguistically, culturally, and tribally distinct from Indonesian-controlled West Timor.

East Timorese priests and refugees paint a grim picture of the Indonesian invasion and occupation. It was characterized by indiscriminate mass killings, torture, rape, looting, saturation, bombing and defoliation using napalm and chemical weapons. It was supported by both Canada and the United States.

Only 12 hours before the invasion began, US President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had visited Jakarta and gave approval for Indonesia's position on East Timor. The U.S. later dramatically increased weapons shipments to Indonesia.

### Torture in Timor

In 1983, Amnesty International publicized an 82-page manual issued to occupying forces by the Indonesian military, discussing methods of coercion and torture to counter Fretilin's highly developed rural and urban network of guerrillas and sympathizers.

One section of the manual recommends forces "avoid taking photographs showing torture in progress — people being photographed at times when they are being subjected to electric shock, when they have been stripped naked..." so that the "antipathy of the people is not aroused."

### Canadian complicity

Most Canadians know nothing about the continuing plight of the Timorese, nor do they know much about their government's complicity in the repression and genocide.

Although the Indonesian military has closed East Timor off from the outside world, allowing only selected observers on carefully guided tours of the island, and although the Canadian media has suffered a collective myopia as to the plight of the Timorese, the Canadian government is not blind to the issue: Canada supports the Indonesian occupation.

Over the last decade, Canada has abstained from voting on UN resolutions condemning the invasion and has, most recently, voted against resolutions simply endorsing East Timor's right to self-determination and humanitarian assistance. At the same time, however, Canada has been sharply critical of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, "strongly endorsing" a 1980 UN resolution calling for the "immediate withdrawal of foreign troops and reaffirming the right of the Afghan people to self-determination."

While Canada gave \$13 million worth of aid to the Afghan refugees, it only donated a mere \$200,000 to the International Red Cross for East Timor in 1979. The very next year Canada voted against a UN resolution for humanitarian aid and self-determination for the East Timorese.

According to an External Affairs spokesperson, this position on East Timor remains the same under the Mulroney government.

Yet, although Amnesty International has been "providing External Affairs with information that shows a systematic pattern of human rights violations for the last six years," according to Ottawa's Amnesty In-

ternational spokesperson Brian Co... Canada continues to support the... nian invasion of East Timor.

Two days after the invasion, K... area MP Douglas Alkenbrack (P... the only question ever put forward... Timor in the House of Commons... was the Canadian government go... vest tax payers money in a pulp... plant in Indonesia "in view of the... invasion by Indonesia of Portugal... and of the apparent corrupt and... regime of President Suharto?"

"I do not share the honourable... member's premise," was Prime Ne... Trudeau's eight-word reply.

Within months of the invasion... extended an over \$200 million li... credit to Indonesia, implicitly san... the slaughter. For the next three... East Timor was completely cut off... the outside world while the Indon... military murdered and starved to... thousands of East Timorese.

### Canadian aid and investm

When the Canadian governm... support and aid to Indonesia, it l... government which has proven itse... fective servant of Western intere...

Canada is Indonesia's third larg... investor. Canadian exports to Indon... doubled to \$197 million in 1982 f... million in 1981. Nearly half of the... in 1982 were financed with govert... aid. In terms of trade volume, Ind... has become the fastest growing m... South East Asia.

Indonesia is now the largest no... commonwealth recipient of Cana... In 1983-84, the Canadian Intern... Development Agency (CIDA) gav... Indonesia \$23 million in loans and ts... and CIDA's contribution is expect... main high.

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In other words, most of CIDA's... never actually leaves Canada, but... nelled directly into Canadian busi... pay for goods and services neede... Third World. This "aid" is nothing... than a massive subsidy for Cana... corporations — paid for by our tax... also means Third World nations... to buy goods and services which... need, at hugely inflated prices.

External Affairs recently backe... mission to sell Canadian made ar... Eastern countries — including Ind







Mountain hunters near the Indonesian border, East Timor, 1974: their people were among the first to die.

PHOTO — ELAINE BRIERE

The mission was the first of its kind to Indonesia. The ten companies participating — which included Canadian Marconi, Bell Aerospace Textron and Computing Devices — were offering military gear ranging from helicopters and parachutes to artillery computers for battlefield use. Computing devices salesperson Jack Warner said Canada would be "competing with South Korea to be the military technology centre in the Far East."

U.S. diplomatic and military support for the invasion has also been dramatic. Only 12 hours before the invasion began, U.S. President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger had visited Djakarta giving approval for the Indonesian position on East Timor. The U.S. later dramatically increased weapons shipments to Indonesia.

But while the West profits by aiding repression, the people of East Timor starve.

#### Using food as a weapon

East Timor has the highest infant mortality rate in the world: 211 out of every 1,000 newborns die before reaching 1 year of age. A high "IMR" is commonly interpreted as an indication of how hungry a country is. This terrifying statistic is a testament to the fact that the Timorese nation is slowly starving to death.

Food is the most basic human need;

without it, you die. From the beginning of the war against East Timor, the Indonesian government has been forcibly depriving the people of food, and selectively distributing food aid, in an attempt to break resistance to their rule.

After the invasion, the bulk of Timorese fled into the mountains. Three years later, the Indonesian air force hunted them down and bombed their crops.

"The genocide and starvation was the result of the full-scale incendiary bombing by the Indonesian forces," said one Timorese priest at the time of the Canadian visit in 1978.

The starving Timorese, who emerged from their mountain refuge in the tens of thousands after being literally "bombed out," were promptly herded into "resettlement" camps so that the military could keep a close watch on them. They were only permitted to grow food on small plots near the camps, and were forced to give their crops to the Indonesian administration. The military then distributed the food only to those with I.D. and food cards. Anyone harbouring guerrillas would have to go hungry themselves in order to feed them.

Indonesia required that food aid earmarked for East Timor be funnelled through Djakarta. Even if it reached East Timor, chances were good that it would either be stolen by the Indonesian administration or sold to the traitors in Dili, the capital.

As of 1981, no more than 20 per cent of the food aid donated by the Catholic relief services was distributed by the church itself; the rest was channelled through the Indonesian military.

#### The present reality

According to the latest letter from East Timor's acting Bishop Msgr. Carlos Belo, "the war is clearly expanding" and resistance is widespread. The letter, dated Jan. 1, 1985 and smuggled out through religious channels to Portugal, said the Indonesian military was conscripting Timorese children to fight against Fretilin and was killing peasants in reprisals for guerrilla attacks.

Fretilin is still carrying out hit-and-run attacks against the Indonesian army, and most of the population supports the resistance, according to church sources. In fact, in late 1983, Indonesia had to send 15,000 new troops to put down resistance in the territory. The troops are still there

today.

In the meantime, conditions in East Timor have grown worse. According to a letter, dated Feb. 16, 1984, from Belo to his predecessor in Lisbon, the church itself — the last refuge for the Timorese — has come under attack.

"The Church is being persecuted and accused and our schools are being searched and the students are being interrogated," said Belo. Recent letters from other Timorese corroborate Belo's claims. One letter also refers to Indonesian troops of the elite Red Beret unit torturing to death two Timorese conscripts with "nails, cigarette butts, and razor blades."

At least one-third of all living East Timorese have been brutally murdered or starved to death since the 1975 invasion. The Timorese language has been banned; their culture dismantled.

The death toll is similar in West Papua; the cultural destruction possibly worse. This again, was at the hands of the Indonesian military.

Over half a million peasants were slaughtered in Indonesia alone, following a 1965 military coup which brought the Suharto regime to power.

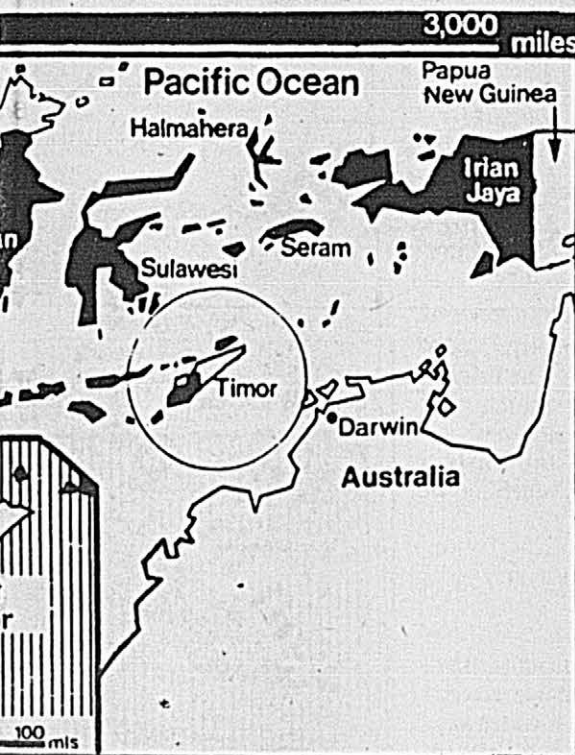
Indonesia's new policy in East Timor, transmigration, involves the government moving landless Indonesian peasants to "less populous" islands such as East Timor. The government had originally rationalized transmigration as a means of reducing population pressures on the main island of Java. Now they claim it will boost food production and development.

Yet most lands marked for settlements have been cleared indiscriminately, causing rapid soil erosion, or are unsuited to agriculture, as they are uplands and swamps. Many transmigrants are from urban areas and have no farming experience.

Thus as Indonesian imperialism colonizes, two culturally and ethnically distinct groups of poor peasants are pitted against one another in a desperate, bitter struggle for survival.

With Western support and quiet complicity, Indonesia can afford to continue its campaign of transmigration. This could entrench a cycle of violence and racism rivaling Northern Ireland in duration and the Arab-Israeli conflict in racist hatred.

# EAST TIMOR



*This feature is a condensed version of a special report on Indonesia and East Timor produced by the Ontario-based Indonesia-East Timor programme for the Nuclear Free Press. Writers Derek Rasmussen and Julia Morrigan are credited with the research and much of the writing. Brendan Weston is responsible for the alterations by the Daily.*

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# Green off the cuff

by Brendan Weston

*The Executive of McGill Students' Society (MSS), have been working all summer at \$5 per hour to organize policy for this year.*

*From his office behind the MSS desk in the Student Union Building, current MSS President James Green revealed to the Daily what students could expect from their \$3 million corporation in the coming year.*

**Daily:** What are MSS priorities this year?

**Green:** My main priority is services. I think of services as keeping our finger on the pulse of the university. This includes student rights and academic interests. Our pub and cafeterias earn a profit.

**Daily:** Are you satisfied with the private food and beverage services administration by CVC?

**Green:** The financial aspects of CVC I'm happy with. Its employee relations I have trouble with, but I am applying pressure.

**Daily:** What role do you see for the Alcohol Abuse Committee?

**James:** I differ from last year's opinion that we should act as mothers. But I don't think we should provide our Student Union Ballroom free to groups who charge cost price for beer and still earn money.

You will still be able to use the ballroom free of cost (if you don't serve alcohol or if you give MSS \$200 to run the bar), but you can't have bashes at will. Even if you run the bar yourself, a MSS student rep will watch (to make sure intoxicated people neither serve or are served alcohol).

**Daily:** Why were salaried summer jobs voted for the executive last spring?

**Green:** The idea of paying student government rather than having it volunteer was a precedent, but we've done a lot this summer. Usually the executive has until September to do anything they want. Summer council met once a month this year. It's less autocratic.

**Daily:** How much was paid out?

**Green:** Five executives were each paid \$5 an hour to be here this summer nine-to-five, from May 16 to August 31. Formerly there were three positions at \$4 an hour. We wouldn't have been able to achieve what we did if we hadn't done this.

**Daily:** That's about \$2,000 each for the summer plus honoraria...

**Green:** Honoraria are \$2,500 for the president during the regular year and \$1,500 for the others. It's one of the lowest in Canada.

**Daily:** This year's council has inherited a large debt. What budget changes are being made?

**Green:** The budget is tight as usual. We are paying \$50,000 to the university this year. On Oc-

tober 22, we will ask for a levy of \$4 per student to pay off our \$800,000 debt. It's not a good situation to owe money to the people you are lobbying.

South Africa we shall terminate the contract.

**Daily:** You passed a tentative motion this summer to boycott Carling O'Keefe for their South African investments. Do you expect this to be passed before Steve Biko Day?

**Green:** We won't be able to ratify the South Africa resolution before September 12. We won't have a meeting before then, and I don't want to make an executive decision.

We have to investigate each company... make a presentation so they can respond, and then vote. It will be a slow but fair process.

**Daily:** Will we see Student Initiated Referenda (SIR) procedures altered in the upcoming year?

**Green:** We are completely rewriting the constitution. We will allow SIR, but we are not sure whether we will allow it to affect our by-laws, constitution or fees. The number of signatures necessary will be much higher if it effects those three things.



My name is Green, James Green.

**Daily:** There are a lot of renovations to be done on the offices here. Were they expensive?

**Green:** The renovations to the executive offices, which give us a reception area, cost about \$4,500. We are also computeriz-



ing with \$6,000 of equipment donated from IBM. The Friends of McGill should match that donation. It should cost us about \$7,000 — the surplus from the banking machine we are installing.

**Daily:** Which bank will you be using?

**Green:** Banque Nationale made the best offer, and we have a clause in the contract which says if the bank extends loans to

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## Interviews

## SAC on track

by Brendan Weston

Nigel Crawhall coordinates the McGill External Affairs committee on South Africa, better known as the South Africa Committee, or simply, SAC.

After three years studying African politics at McGill, Crawhall is working out of SAC's office in room 404 of the Student Union Building, and hoping for a break-through year.

Daily: What is SAC?

Nigel: The South Africa Committee is an external affairs

we believe McGill will be prepared to divest from if pressure is brought to bear. Falconbridge is keeping people at below subsistence wages and is flagrantly violating international sanctions.

The education work will include weekly seminars, films, and speakers. Also we'll have tables around the university to keep students informed.

Our most ambitious project this year will be fund-raising for refugees. We are trying to raise over a \$1,000 for the African National Congress (ANC) Freedom College at Mazimbu, and their development centre at

South Africa. They were founded in 1912 and constitute South Africa's oldest and most stable political force. After the organization was banned in the early sixties they gave up five decades of passive resistance and have worked actively to overthrow the racist regime.

Winnie and Nelson Mandela are the ANC names students would be most familiar with.

Daily: What significance will September 12th have for SAC?

Nigel: September 12th is the anniversary of the death in detention of Black student leader Steve Biko. Each major anniversary of Apartheid violence this year has been met by brutal acts of violence in the country by the government, (the Uitenhage shootings for the 1960 Sharpeville massacre anniversary, and the bombing of the capitol of Botswana the day before Soweto Sunday protests. SAC and the Free South Africa Coalition will be supporting acts of civil disobedience here in Montréal and in Toronto.

Daily: What other activities will SAC organize?

Nigel: We hope to organize letter-writing campaigns to Joe Clark to voice student displeasure at our governments unwillingness to impose meaningful sanctions against South Africa.

Daily: You don't consider the further sports boycott and Ontario wine boycott sufficient?

Nigel: We appreciate all attempts to isolate the Pretoria regime. We're especially pleased about the federal sulfur export ban. But we are lagging far behind the Europeans over political sanctions. Specifically we should strongly condemn the government recognizing the credentials of the South African ambassador. Even Ronald Reagan didn't do that.



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## SAC's Nigel Crawhall looks for volunteers

committee of the Students' Society. It was, founded in '78-'79 to provide students with information on South Africa. This year were going to become officially an anti-Apartheid committee with the recognized goal of divestment.

Daily: Hasn't this always been SAC's policy?

Nigel: Unofficially, yes. Our direction was always guided by the international students' movement against Apartheid. But this is the first year we've had a sympathetic MSS executive.

Daily: What are SAC's main goals this year?

Nigel: We have three main goals: divestment, education and fund-raising.

Divestment, for us, is trying to get McGill to take its money out of companies which invest in South Africa. We're looking for divestment at all levels — Several clubs and departmental associations divested last year, and we'll encourage that trend this year. Also the university is dealing with us in good faith for the first time.

We have the complete McGill investment portfolio which will allow us to concentrate on specific companies — like Falconbridge which is involved in mining in Namibia — which

Dakawa, both of which are on land, donated by the Tanzanian government. The money raised will go to educational supplies, food and building material.

Daily: What is the ANC?

Nigel: The ANC the leading anti-Apartheid movement in

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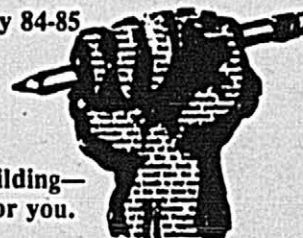
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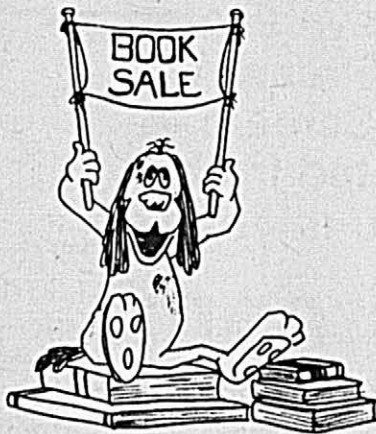
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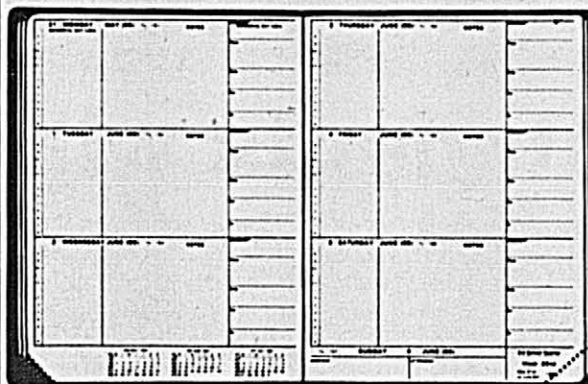
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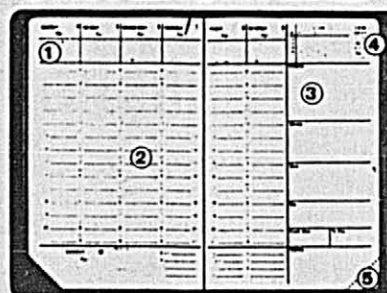
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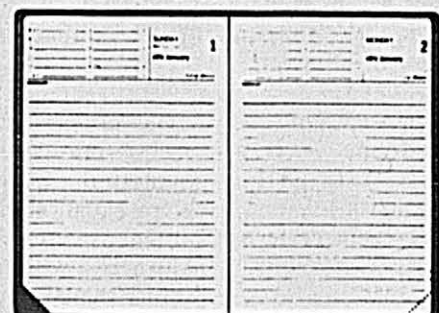
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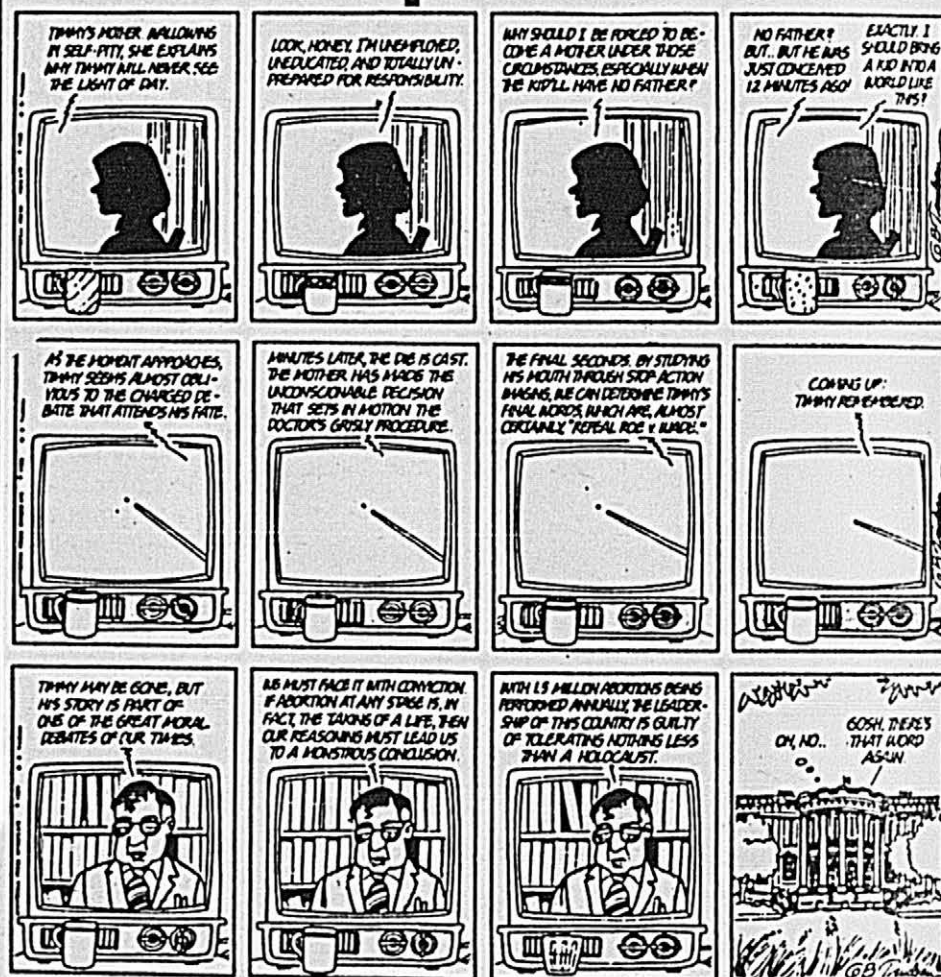
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Garry Trudeau composed these six strips for his syndicated cartoon 'Doonesbury.' His distributor, the United Press Syndicate, refused to distribute them. The Silent Scream is an anti-abortionist film which was widely distributed in the U.S. and Canada by right-to-lifers. We thought you might like to see them.



## Silent Scream: The Prequel



### canada scan

## Feds blitz students with AIDS information

by Elizabeth Donovan  
of Canadian University Press

University students are the latest targets of a federal government information blitz about AIDS. Half a million AIDS pamphlets will be included in the "grab-it" coupon packages distributed at university bookstores this fall.

AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — is a condition that weakens an individual's immunity system, leaving the body vulnerable to severe illnesses and infections.

Kim Ellmslie, information officer at the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa (LCDC) says the decision to target students wasn't made because of a higher incidence of AIDS amongst students.

"We are trying to reach a greater number of people by using our funds in the most cost-efficient way, and that's why we're including our pamphlets in those coupon kits," Ellmslie said.

Dr. A.J. Clayton, head of the LCDC and member of the

federal advisory committee on AIDS, said the pamphlet, *AIDS in Canada: What You Should Know*, dispels myths and misconceptions that have created fear about AIDS.

According to the advisory council bulletin, as of March 1985, 196 cases (105 deaths) have been reported in Canada.

Dr. A.J. Clayton says students should be aware of AIDS because the disease is moving into segments of the population who have multiple heterosexual relationships.

"Since many students are sexually active with more than one partner there is a greater risk of contracting AIDS."

Dr. Clayton suggests students should decrease the number of their sexual partners.

"We are not trying to moralize, we are just saying that if you have a lot of sexual contact with more than one partner then the risk of getting AIDS is greater. Be as sexually active as you want — but be responsible."

As a doctor, Clayton receives calls daily from people who are frightened by the myths associated with AIDS.

"There are still people who believe that you can contract AIDS through casual contact, but that's a big myth. One caller asked if she should disinfect the seat in a bus, before sitting down, and another thought you could get AIDS from a toilet seat. AIDS is not spread by

shaking hands or working with or eating food prepared by a person with AIDS.

The latest studies show AIDS is caused by a virus, which is transmitted in semen and blood. And AIDS can only spread where bodily fluids from an infected person enter into another

person's bodily fluids.

Clayton says it is not only the general public that are over-reacting to AIDS. "There are dentists and pathologists who refuse to treat AIDS patients which proves more information and education is needed," says Clayton.

## Publisher plans obsolescence

OTTAWA (CUP) — In retaliation to the flourishing used book trade on campuses across the country, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited announced it will be revising its texts more frequently, increasing obsolescence and raising textbook prices.

Lloyd Schreier, president of McGraw-Hill, denied the move was calculated to take advantage of the captive student market.

"I don't feel as though I am gouging the students; what we are doing is revising more often to remain competitive in the market place," Schreier said.

"Of course, we're not taking advantage of students; they're our customers. I was once a stu-

dent myself.

Schreier admitted the decision to revise more frequently was a financial one. "It's partly true we're losing revenue to used book dealers — all publishers do. It's a matter of being up to date, and not because the books are obsolete."

Linda Jenkins, marketing assistant for McGraw-Hill's College Division, said the rate at which books are revised depends upon how quickly the material changes and how easy it is to get authors to revise the material.

Most revisions are amendments, or adaptations of American books for a Canadian audience, Jenkins said. Unless a book is quickly out-dated, most

books are revised every three years.

Jenkins said it would be difficult to consider more frequent revisions because of the amount of time needed to contact authors, review content and rewrite material.

McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 70 per cent owned by its American parent McGraw-Hill Inc., had a 1984 net profit of \$3.5 million, down from \$3.6 million the previous year. This year's first quarter, though, showed a 17.5 per cent rise in sales which totaled \$4.9 million. This resulted in first quarter profits of \$101,000 as opposed to a loss of \$11,000 for the same period in 1984.



## canada scan

# U of T snaps up South African stock

TORONTO (CUP) According to one university professor, buying stock in companies with South African ties for the chance to speak at shareholders' meetings is better than divesting.

University of Toronto president George Connell has advised the university's governing council to maintain U of T's investments in companies with ties to South Africa.

Divestment would not be an

appropriate response, Connell said.

U of T holds stocks in Alcan Aluminum, Falconbridge Nickel, Moore Corporation, Noranda Mines, Exxon, Xerox, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Royal Bank, all of which have economic interests in South Africa. The university's investments in these companies is worth about \$6 million or 15

per cent of its total common stock holdings.

Connell said his own private views on apartheid did not affect his decision. "We all share strong feelings about South Africa," he said. "We are free to boycott South African products, to write to our members of parliament, to buy stocks and speak out at shareholders' meetings. The university is a community in which that kind of engagement can take place.

To bring about that kind of community, it is not necessary for me or the governing council to engage in political action."

Connell also raised concerns that any political action by the university might leave it open to possible interference from "outsiders" who might use their influence to constrain its freedom.

Divestment committee member Virginia Green disagreed with the board's position that the companies were not socially injurious, calling it "totally ridiculous." Green said Falconbridge Nickel employs black workers at subsistence wages under "horrendous working conditions."

Roger Timms, U of T alumnus, said the real question is whether divestment would accomplish anything.

"I'm not naive enough to think that the U of T's divestment will affect apartheid, but the civilized nations of the world have to indicate to the government of South Africa that it must work faster in ending it (apartheid)."

The administration was also criticized for bringing the matter to the final council meeting of the year, when most students and faculty are off campus. The divestment committee submitted its brief to Connell in November 1984, but the matter was not addressed until June 20, 1985. The brief was accompanied by a 1400-signature petition in favor of its recommendations. The divestment committee has decided to continue its campaign although it has exhausted all procedural avenues.



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McGill residence student ponders U of T's conspiracy to buy South African

## Ottawa plans visa fee hike

OTTAWA (CUP) — With deliberations still underway, nearly 100,000 foreign students will have to wait until late fall to find out how much they will each have to pay to off-set the Canadian government's deficit.

The government plans to charge visa fees, possibly \$50 each, in the hope of generating \$20 million a year in federal revenue. Students make up about a third of the foreign population in Canada.

Finance minister Michael Wilson announced the decision to institute visa fees last November. He plans to begin charging fees in January 1986.

According to Len Westerberg, an official with the department of immigration in Ottawa, the particulars of the fee rate will not be made public until late October or mid-November.

"It hasn't been settled yet," he said.

Westerberg would not say whether the fees would be higher or lower than the reported \$50, and added: "there is no sense in putting fear or a false sense of hope in the public that the fees will be 'X' number of dollars."

By law, all foreign students are required to obtain

authorization to permit them to live in Canada, which must normally be renewed annually. Institutions operating on a semester format often require authorization renewal on a term to term basis.

Westerberg said some of the money raised by the fees would cover administration costs and the rest would be applied to the federal deficit. He said that the government hopes to earn \$4.4 million in the first fiscal quarter, ending April 1.

This is not the first time the Ministry of Employment and Immigration has decided to try and recover administrative costs. In July, minister Flora MacDonald announced a charge of \$10 will be issued to people applying to have their Social Insurance card replaced.

An official with the minister's office, Laurie Jones, said that the charge is strictly a direct recovery fee and that first-time issuance of the SIN card would still be free.

George Tillman, the director of the International Student Affairs Department at the Canadian Bureau for International Education, said the proposal visa fee will not add to an already heavy load.

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pay stiff differential fees on tuition costs in all but three of Canada's ten provinces.

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# the supplement

Theatre Shmeatre attacks conventions

## Terrorizing Theatre

by Chris Coy

Theatre. The word conjures up a half dozen men and women posed this way and that way, long stringy English accents stretch and billow out their mouths like the white silk curtains protecting the privacy of so many people who live in suburbs. That. Or two dead-eyed old men sitting in near darkness saying "let's talk about something else" and, of course, they don't. Most people must hardly ever think about theatre because they never see it.

But ask them. They're glad theatre is in their world just like they're glad there are sea cucumbers. Admit it. Theatre was swallowed whole by the development of film and now it's being vomited, back on the plate, by the empty long stare of television. Admit theatre still doesn't mean more to people than 19th century activists chanting "end all imperialist war preparations" at the hole in Ronald Reagan's nose and you'll feel sweet relief.

Theatre Shmeatre.

It's not quite an enigma that a theatre company like Theatre Shmeatre, Montreal's anti-theatre Theatre, has survived more than a year and is in danger of establishing itself as Montreal's second largest theatre. Take television, anglophone Montréal culture, and Theatre Shmeatre's success at developing an original brand of live performance, and you've got a clue.

Theatre Shmeatre came out of McGill.

"We were refugees from the traditional theatre scene" says Alisa Palmer, McGill History student and Theatre Shmeatre actress. "We probably met because we all shared a similar uneasiness about university. There is so much energy here but so much of it seems to be going up its own asshole. We were the ones that if somebody asked 'how's it going' in a hallway, we answered 'pretty good' with eyes going back and forth as if we'd just committed a murder."

"That's how we recognized each other."

The Theatre Shmeatre troupe has just returned from a tour of Toronto where ap-

parently they were a hit playing to sell out crowds in several of those stuffy Queen St. Night Clubs. Even the normally staid *Globe and Mail* gave them a great revue except to say "Theatre Shmeatre tampers with dynamite."

Shmeatre Actor Federico Hidalgo speaks to me on condition that I try not to make him a personality.

"I don't want to be somebody that drinks coffee in a more interesting way than other people."

Hidalgo explains the transformations taking place during the year. "We started with a completely bare, improvisational format, no costumes, no set, no ideas in advance. Get pushed on the stage and make a scene. Now we develop a script more often and we improvise with it on stage."

Hidalgo says Theatre Shmeatre develops its material based on current affairs and social and political ideas.

"We believe ultimately political humour is the funniest kind. And by political I don't mean Brian Mulroney's head exploding for no reason at a press conference...although that would be funny. I mean humour, satire and parody which really digs into the conditions of our lives, digs into the media, the government and reveals the fakery, the bullshit, the rip-offs, the corruption, the lie. Real comedy is about power, about how some people have way too much of it," he said.

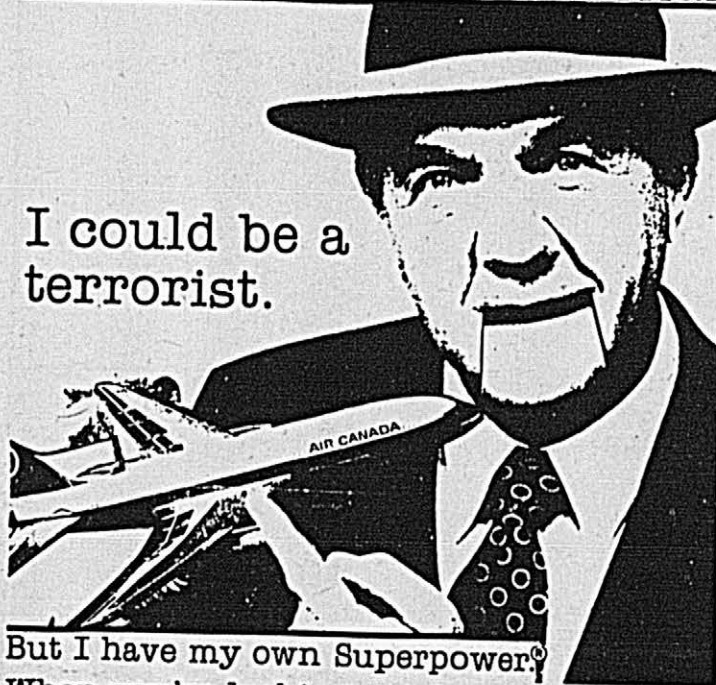
Theatre Shmeatre approach isn't always successful.

Sometimes while they're busy tackling Star Wars or Ernst Zundel, life can leave the theatre and flat rhetoric fills the gap with all the pleasure of three bad jokes told in a row. But more than anything what has kept the theatre together is their ability to walk a narrow line between hard polemics and satire as they attempt to take on some of the more pressing issues of our time.

Theatre Shmeatre list of shows includes the Start Wars Tonight Show, Tax the Dead Night, Drapeau Show, The Reaganator, International Fear of Youth, All the World's a Hostage,

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book to go on sale this December.

Shmeatre's movement towards set pieces tends to harken ominously back to

three federal candidates for the Laurier riding to act as judges and roasted them the night before the election. Theatre Shmeatre promises a similar event for the upcoming provincial elections.

Shmeatre compiled the best scenes developed over the year into a "Festival Shmestival" which played for two weeks at Players' Theatre. The English department at John Abbott College is planning to publish the scenes as short plays in a

traditional theatre but "not so" says Palmer.

"We still incorporate improvisation and audience participation. We wanted to work with focussed deliberate situations."

For example, in one surreal scene titled "Mr. Nobody", (based on the idea that "not only do unemployed people live out of place but they live out of time as well"), Mr. Nobody is humiliated by close friends, beaten-up by strangers, contracts a strange amnesia and then is forced by his family to visit a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist greets the startled Mr. Nobody. Having watched the whole scene he tells him his entire life is very interesting and proceeds to open Mr. Nobody's mind and the floor, asking "what does Mr. Nobody think anyway?"

"The audience usually does a great job of improvising Mr. Nobody's brain," says Palmer.

Theatre Shmeatre is really obsessed with media.

"It's really strange" says Hidalgo. "Media affects people more than anything else in society, and more than ever before. But people still act as if the media were something incidental, like laundry."

It makes sense Theatre Shmeatre has a longstanding feud with the *Montreal Gazette*. It started, say Shmeaterites, when they published a critique, "Insults on the installment plan," of Montréal theatre and *Gazette* continued on page 17

## Filming a dirty, little war

by Chris Cavanagh

The Opening of the *Images de l'Autre d'Amérique, Festival de Films d'Amérique Latine* at Cinéma Outremont from September 5 through 12, was a marvelous success with the showing of *La Guerre Sale (The Dirty War)* — a film about the war being waged against the Nicaraguan people by American-backed counter-revolutionary forces (contras).

The film is a compelling account of the direct and indirect effects of the war on Nicaraguans. It was directed by Yvan Patry and Danièle Lacourse, both natives of Montreal.

Thursday night's showing was a benefit, raising money for the reconstruction of wells in the Nicaraguan city of Ocotol.

*La Guerre Sale* juxtaposes the testimony of individuals with scenes of the destruction of schools, electrical and port facilities.

Patry and Lacourse have captured some stunning

footage of the results of a contra attack on a wedding ceremony in which men, women and children were killed, including the bride. This imagery is preceded by an interview with a contra leader in which he explains how they are doing god's work in trying to liberate the country from the communists.

The brutal reality of contra activity is seen in the aftermath of the massacre at the wedding. An interview with the groom, covered in blood, is a harsh reminder that these are people being murdered, more than statistics in a newspaper.

Patry and Lacourse have attempted to cover the diversity of life in Nicaragua: health, defense, agricultural production, displacement of people from their homes, participation of women and campesinos in the revolution. All these aspects are witnessed through the testimony of Nicaraguans themselves, showing how the war leaves no-one untouched.

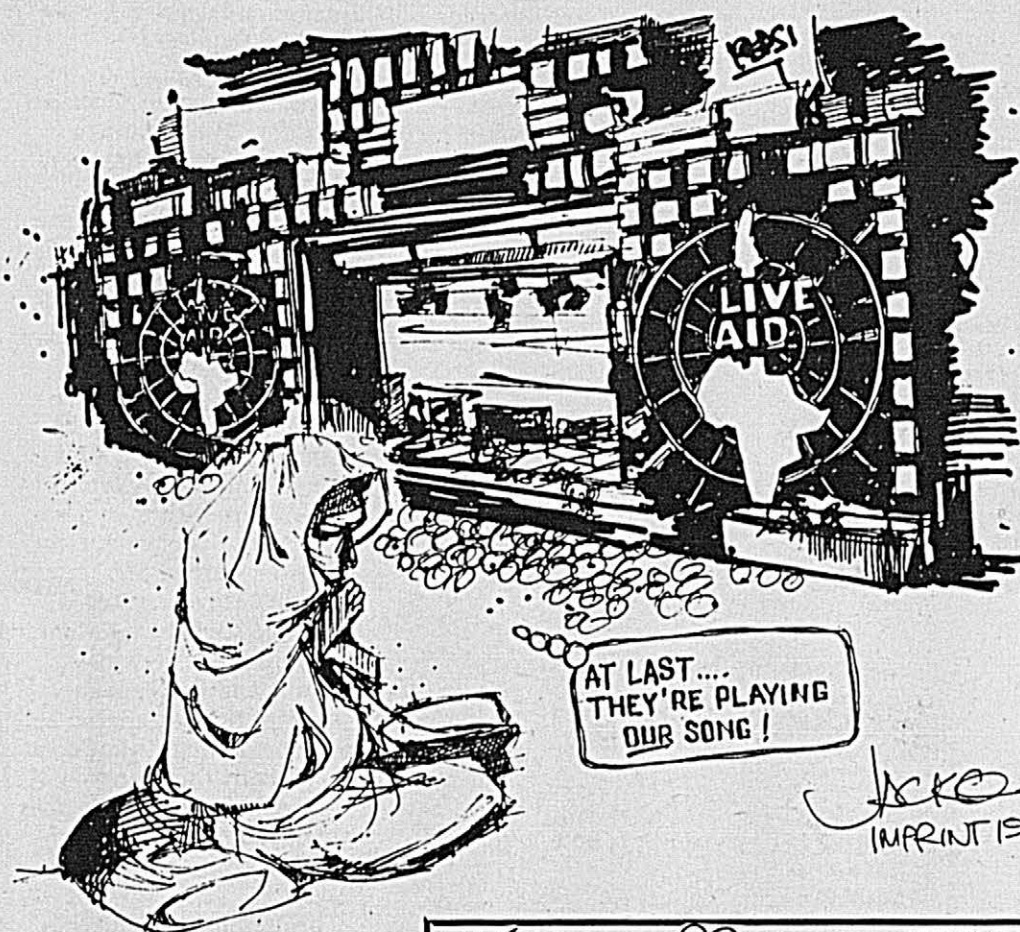
This film provides powerful motivation for people to do everything possible to end the war in Nicaragua. In peacetime, the revolution can be allowed to proceed with the many programs it has enacted to improve life in this small nation.

The festival continues until Thursday, September 12 and highlights include: poster and photo exhibits and meetings with the film-makers between 5 and 7 pm at the café-bar 'La Ricane' beginning today.

*La Guerre Sale* can be seen at L'Autre Cinéma (6430 Papineau) from September 13-16.

Tonight's films are: *Un Homme A Abattre* a Brazilian film by Eduardo Coutinho about the life of a peasant leader who was assassinated; *And That Is Why the State is Guilty* a Dutch film by Frank Diamand and *La Dernière Guerre des Mayas* by Pierre Boffety. Tomorrow night features *Café* by German Gutierrez and *Mémoires de Prison* by Nelson Pereira dos Santos.





## ... Theatre Shmeatre

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theatre critics at the time when they started.

When the *Gazette* found out they had been mentioned they decided to give Shmeatre a review. The show which drove the *Montréal Mirror* to say "Theatre Shmeatre is Montreal's most vital theatre group" and the *Globe and Mail* to say they "got the audience howling," the *Gazette* decreed they should stick to improv.

"There are a few really decent intelligent people on the *Gazette* staff," says Hidalgo. "Unfortunately there's something really dead deep inside that institution. You can smell it every time you read the paper."

"The *Gazette* is an emerging young culture organization's biggest enemy" says Hidalgo who believes that is commonly felt in the Montreal arts community.

"In spite of the *Gazette*," jokes Hidalgo "Theatre Shmeatre is expanding."

Theatre Shmeatre is currently recruiting actors for an improvisation league and a touring company (anyone interested can contact Theatre Shmeatre at 272-8153.) The first fall show on Sunday, September 22nd at Le Steppe features Montréal's famous Sludgabilly Duo, Deja Voodoo. They are now organizing what they call a large scale benefit for the African National Congress South African liberation movement.

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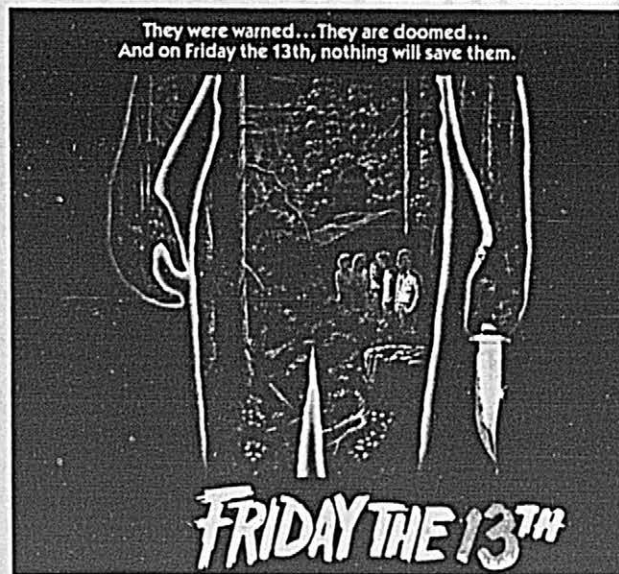
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Attention women rugger: the Women's Rugby Club will be having their first meeting and practice Tuesday Sept. 10, 5pm at Forbes Field. Newcomers are welcome; no experience is necessary.

## Wednesday

Badminton Club/Team information meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30pm in room 237 of the Currie Gym (C.O.T.C. Lounge). For more info call Mark at 739-0613 or Kathy at 844-5353.

Petition for those who want a Hindi Course as a summer course in the Faculty of Religious Studies, a petition should be signed in the Linguistic Department

Secretary's Office or in the Faculty of Religious Study Secretaries' Office before Monday, Sept. 16.

## Thursday

McGill Nightline reopens Thursday, Sept. 12 at 9pm. Call 392-8234. Recruitment information meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 16 at 3:30 and Tuesday Sept. 17 at 5:30 in room 425 of the Student Union Building.

## Friday

McGill Film Society presents *Friday the 13th*, on Friday, September 13 at 8pm in Leacock 132. Draw to be held for a FREE semester movie pass.

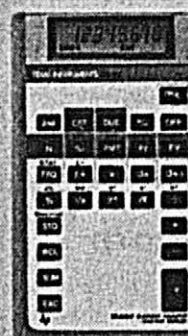
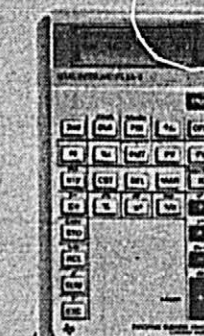
## Saturday

The Young People's Federation of Combined Jewish Appeal is *Taking Off* for an evening of fun and dance at the Shaar Zion Synagogue, Sat., Sept. 14 at 9pm. Special Guest: host Rick Peterson of

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